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3. [redacted] Stanley Plesent, General Counsel of USIA, called to say that in connection with the postal rate bill (H.R. 7927) he had received a call from the Bureau of the Budget concerning USIA's appearance before Senate Post Office and Civil Service Committee on this bill. The Bureau has indicated to Plesent that it desires to review USIA's proposed testimony next Monday afternoon. Plesent said he realized that the Agency had stated its position not to appear before congressional committees on this subject. However, he asked if there was any of the material which we had prepared on this subject which USIA might use in its presentation. He will be preparing Edward R. Murrow's testimony over the weekend. I advised him that while I thought we could make some statistics available on extent of Communist material received in the U.S., I felt we would have some difficulty in giving him any material which could be used in the hearings concerning material going into the Soviet Union. We are to send him whatever material we have on this Monday morning. Plesent raised the question as to

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whether we would be willing to brief the Chairman and the Majority Leader concerning our interest in this bill. I indicated reservations on this but agreed to talk about it further on Monday. Present said that in addition to Mr. Murrow, Secretary of State Rusk and Assistant Secretary Bohlen are also scheduled to testify. However, I got the clear impression that USIA is having some difficulty in working with State Department on this.

25X1 4. [ ] Dan McGillicuddy, Senate Preparedness Subcommittee staff, called to say he would be out of town next week but asked that we advise Staff Director James Kendall early next week concerning our appearance before the Subcommittee, to brief them on the status of Soviet military posture. I told McGillicuddy I would check on the status of the estimate and be in touch with Kendall as he requested. (We had previously indicated to the Subcommittee staff that our briefing was a matter of timing depending on the approval of the estimate which was then in its final stages.)

25X1 5. [ ] Handcarried to Mrs. Whelan, in the office of Senator Thomas H. Kuchel, a response from the General Counsel to the Senator's buckslip referencing a request to review OSS files. Mrs. Whelan indicated the response was more than satisfactory and would serve their purpose in responding to their constituent's inquiry.

Also received from Mrs. Whelan what appears to be a letter, in code, to the Senator. Mrs. Whelan requested no special emphasis but asked if we could review it lightly and said they would appreciate knowing the nature of the message.

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